QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The P. W. D. Advisory Board.

52. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of meetings held by the P. W. D. Advisory Board ;

(*b*) the places where such meetings were held ; and

(*c*) the work done by those meetings ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Three.

(*b*) In the Office of the Chief Engineer.

(*c*) The rules for the working of the committee etc., were considered and approved. The question of preparing a five-year plan of works in the different taluks was considered and a taluk-war list of works to be taken up next year was prepared.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : In respect of answer to part (*c*), may I know whether these rules and the provisions of the five-year plan will be made available to the members of this House ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : The five-year plan has not been completely laid out. When the full plan is made available, it will be placed before this House.

Ryots' Roads.

53. *Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many miles of ryots' roads there are in the State and how many miles of them are in a finished state with the necessary culverts, bridges and other improvements ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: There are in all 525 miles of ryots' roads of which 334 miles and 7½ furlongs are in a finished state.

Incomplete Roads.

54. *Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any plan could be devised by which roads that remain incomplete may be made at least cartable within five years ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : The question is under consideration.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Sir, it is stated in the answer that "the question is under consideration". Will the honourable member say whether these incomplete roads will not become completely useless if we prolong this 'consideration'?

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